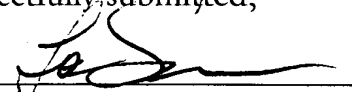


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-27 and 63-75 are pending. The pending claims are believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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